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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE PATROL REPORTED AMBUSHED BY
RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES

1. MORNING OF FEB 28, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ISSUED FOLLOWING
PRESS RELEASE:

QUOTE

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT A BDF PATROL OF
THREE LANDROVERS CARRYING ABOUT 30 SOLDIERS WAS AMBUSHED ON
THE NATA-KAZUNGULA ROAD NEAR LESOMA IN THE KAZUNGULA AREA
YESTERDAY EVENING BY MEMBERS OF SMITH'S SECURITY FORCES.

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SOME OF THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS WALKED BACK TO KAZUNGULA AND
REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF THEIR COMRADES HAD BEEN KILLED.

MAJOR GENERAL MERAFHE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO DOCTORS FLEW TO THE
WOUNDED. FULL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED AS SOON AS THEY ARE
KNOWN.

UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IF ABOVE REPORT ACCURATE, IT MARKS THE FIRST
TIME BDF PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED BY RHODESIANS. WE SHALL
SEND FOLLOW-UP REPORT, ONCE THE SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.
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